

**EATON AND RUSHTON
NEWSLETTER**
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In memory of Ken Parker

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by the Jessie Hughes Village Hall

Parish Council News

Ken Parker



It is with much regret that we announce the passing of villager Ken Parker after a period of illness. Ken and his wife Brenda met some 40 years ago when working in the same office in London, where Ken was an architect. They moved to Cheshire and then into Hunters Close, Sapling Lane, Eaton in 1993. On retiring, Ken joined Rushton Parish Council, taking his turn as Chairman and contributing to issues affecting the village.

In 2006, Ken offered to be the architect and Project Manager of our Jessie Hughes Village Hall re-build. The many enthusiastic comments from users to this day are a testament to Ken's skills of design and we are so lucky as a community to have this splendid and well-used facility. Ken joined Tarporley Parish Council, also becoming their Chairman, and guided it through a tough time of evolution as the town continued to grow. Other jobs involved being a judge for the County Best Kept Village Competition; a regular member and Chair of the Millpool Probus Club; and looking after our Village Cross, ensuring bedding plants were in on time, well watered and tended. Brenda and Ken's house is an important building in Eaton and their immaculate garden has been a work of love, which all those passing have also enjoyed.

Ken's funeral took place on Thursday 25th April at St Helens' Church, Tarporley, and was well attended by his many friends. It was followed by a gathering of family and friends at our Jessie Hughes Village Hall, with tributes from Mike Wilson on behalf of the Parish Council, and close neighbour and friend Nick Parker.

Ken will be sorely missed as an enthusiastic and active member of our Parish, making a real difference by his input. At this sad time our sympathies go out to Brenda and the family and we know that villagers will be there to give a hug or offers of help when needed.

2019 Local Elections

With no volunteers coming forward to become a Councillor on Rushton Parish Council, the existing Councillors will now go through unchallenged on 2nd May for the next four-year period. They are Neil Thompson (Chair); Eddie Shaw; Emma Leslie; Graham Sime; Amy Markham; and Mike Wilson. Arthur Nicholas has decided to stand down, leaving a vacancy. Lindsey Worrall remains as Parish Clerk.

Arthur has been a Councillor for 14 years and the community owe him a big 'Thank you' for his input. Farmers such as Arthur (and Eddie) work long and varied hours but Arthur seldom missed meetings and his experienced views will be greatly missed. Please get in touch with Lindsey if you're interested in being a Councillor.

2019 Best Kept Village Competition

Once again, we are entering the Best Kept Village Competition. As we were runner-up in our category (200 – 400 households) last year, we would love to win it this year! So please support our team of litter pickers and help by picking up any litter you come across to help make your part of the village somewhere to be proud of.

Road safety and vehicle speeds

A new round of meetings with Highways started on Wednesday 24th April, with a walk from the Jessie to the knocked-about 30mph sign on Eaton Lane. No good reason was given why it has taken over two years for this sign to be put right and promises have now been made that it will be done. We have suggested cranked arms to move it away from passing vehicles. We are also contesting the positioning of the 20mph signs, as the one on the Green, for instance, clearly tells drivers that they can now go up to 30mph as they approach a bend with exits from houses around the corner!! Various other issues are on the list and all residents are welcome to send in their views to the Clerk on how we can slow down and reduce the increasing volume of traffic through our parish. Apart from Highways, our Councillor Graham Sime is getting on with organising a repair for the Vehicle Activated Sign on Eaton Lane, which has had a solar panel fault since January.

It has been impressed upon Councillors by Highways, due to their heavy workload, that if the village has potholes that need repairing, the more reports they receive, the higher up the queue the repairs will rise. **SO PLEASE GO TO THE CWAC WEBSITE AND REPORT ANY POTHoles THAT YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT.**

Eaton Play Zone

The Parish Council Play Zone Area on Winterford Lane continues to provide a fun place for our local children. During the past two years, the Primary School has used the MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) whilst their Playing Field has been out of action. May will see the Annual Inspection and Maintenance Day carried out by the equipment suppliers, costing about £250 - the money being raised by our annual December function (last year, the Mamma Mia 2 Night) at the Jessie.

Thanks, as ever, to our 52 Team, who ensure that the areas are checked every day of the year. It has been three and a half years since the opening and it all still looks good.

Picnic Area

Since the Eaton Primary School project, ‘Birds, Bugs & Butterflies’, was launched in December, Councillor Mike Wilson has had five meetings with the School Council (made up of reps from each year group and organised by Miss O’Dwyer), in which:

- types of apple, pear and plum trees have been chosen, purchased from Morreys and planted at the Picnic Area.
- types of bird boxes have been chosen (six in total), purchased and some built.
- Meadow grass seed (to attract butterflies) was discussed, chosen and ordered (£150 worth!).
- Mini bug hotel was purchased and installed at the school to give ideas on a ‘Grand Bug Hotel’.

A new display board has been built, the ‘Picnic Sign’ changed to show ownership by Rushton Parish Council. Work sessions were put in by Ward Councillor Eveleigh Moore Dutton, Clerk Lindsey Worrall and the rest of the team. Finally, on the last Friday and Saturday of March, the team (including a big input by resident Richard Potton, the Wilsons and the Corradine family) worked hard for many hours to rotavate the seed area, sow meadow seed, install bird boxes, start the Grand Bug Hotel and install the display board and parish sign. To cope with litter, a second hand bin from Cheshire West has been repaired and installed.

There will now be a delay in activities whilst the seed grows, birds make their homes and bugs move into the hotel. The school will be invited to visit the site later in June to see developments. All purchases have been paid for from the £1,000 Tesco grant.

Cllr Mike Wilson is now looking for volunteers to join a Picnic Area 52 club in which the 52 **members will agree to visit the site once during their week of the year** to check out the litter bin and other areas of the site. **If interested, please let Mike know by email on mike.marywilson@btinternet.com**. Thanks to all of those who have helped so far.

Tiger Woods wins the 2019 Masters

But still does not qualify for the

Eaton Village Golf Day

... but you do!

If you live in Eaton, Rushton or surrounding areas or you've played in this competition before, you've already qualified!!

Save the Date: Saturday, 1st June 2019

Time: Meet at 10:10 for a 10:28 Tee Time

Location: Portal Arderne Course: 18 holes (twice round 9 holes)

Format: Texas Scramble – Team game, so no pressure. Playing for the coveted Eaton Village Golf Trophy, allegedly the smallest trophy in golf history.

How Much? £15 on the day - includes bacon baps and tea/coffee, with prizegiving at the Jessie Hughes.

All abilities welcome

To register: Nick Parker 07785 350376 nickyp43@hotmail.com

David Lilley 07765 095115 dlilley1303@gmail.com

Broadband update - 'Connecting Cheshire'

As reported in February, with many more residents enjoying higher-speed broadband, Council Chair Neil Thompson is collecting data on those who have not been so fortunate, to pass on to Connecting Cheshire. Please contact Parish Clerk Lindsey (at rushtonclerk@aol.com.) if you want to be included in this.

Eaton Youth Club

There is concern amongst the Leaders that unless more parents/guardians step up and volunteer to be a helper at one week

of each term, the Youth Club will have to reduce in size (i.e. fewer children or perhaps only opening on certain Thursdays each month). Volunteers can either help to set up at 5.45 to 6.15pm or be on duty with Juniors (6.15 to 7.30pm) or Seniors (7.30 to 9.00pm).

After some eight years of being a successful youth club, it would be a shame for it to discontinue.

Anyone willing to help with the youth club should contact Julie O'Shea on julioshea1@btinternet.com.

Rushton Parish Chair: Neil Thompson
General Parish Council Matters - Contact the Parish Clerk,
Lindsey Worrall, at rushtonclerk@aol.com. Tel: 01829 760653.

The Jessie Hughes Village Hall

Quiz Nights

So, another season of Quiz Nights has come and gone. And a very successful season it has been, with new quiz masters discovering just how much effort goes into producing 100 questions. Not only that, it's a case of trying to foretell how many different interpretations of the questions 50 or 60 competitors can possibly come up with. Nevertheless, we are grateful to those who willingly put themselves through the wringers to benefit the community and the village hall. We must all be doing something right, because the attendance at quiz nights has been growing steadily for a number of years, even though the make-up of those present has evolved over the years.

Perhaps the secret is that you can't get a better evening's entertainment anywhere else for just £3. Make a note in your diaries now for the first Friday in October!

Film Nights

This winter season (October to April) has been the most successful in the ten years of Eaton Film Nights, which started in 2009. The average audience for the seven performances has been 87 people, with Bohemian Rhapsody, shown in March, having the highest attendance. At the April show (Stan & Ollie), the audience of 77 was asked to vote on a selection of musicals presented so that a decision could be made on the now traditional December Film and Meal night that raises funds for our Youth Club and Play Zone (£957 raised last December with Mamma Mia 2). It was such a close run thing between Grease and The Sound of Music that a second referendum might be needed in October!

With a great selection of films (more ready for the Autumn) and a loyal audience, we have to thank them plus our regular team of core helpers. Film Night has become a really good social evening, with all costs kept low.

The Jessie Hughes Institute AGM

It's never the entertainment event of the year – but we have to do it. Our AGM was held this year on 27th March. The charity is called The Jessie Hughes Institute and the Institute's committee is responsible for running the Jessie Hughes Village Hall.

We've had another very successful year. Our income was slightly up on last year, at £20,858, but our payments were just £9,500 – well below the £19,500 for 2017 (when we spent a lot on maintenance). So, our net receipts for the year amounted to a splendid £11,356. Most of our income (about £13,500) came from our regular users: Pilates, Ballet, Bridge, Yoga, Ballroom Dancing and a few others. Our Quiz Nights and Film Nights contributed a relatively modest £3,500 – but we always regard these events as community functions and not revenue generators (although we don't want to run them at a loss).

There was also a generous donation of £1,000 from the estate of Mr David Musgrave. We rarely saw David at Jessie events, but it's

gratifying to know that he appreciated what the Village Hall has been doing for the village and parish community.

The bottom line of the accounts shows that we have cash funds totalling £43,500. Some explanation is necessary. The JHVH is powered by electricity from Scottish Power. We haven't been getting accurate electricity bills for some time and this worsened when the hall was upgraded to a three-phase supply about three years ago. We never failed to pay a bill – mainly because they always showed us to be in credit! Anyway, Scottish Power now seem to have got their act together and we recently received a bill for about £11,700. Our analysis of what we use and the escalating cost of electricity has shown that this is about right, so we've paid it. The net effect has been to reduce our cash funds to just over £30,000 – which is what our long-term plans said it should be. The committee can now sensibly discuss different tariffs and payment options to keep control of ongoing costs.

Incidentally, the 'Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements' is a public document which is required by the Charity Commission. If you would like your own copy – just ask. We are grateful to our Treasurer for producing it to the highest standards.

I'm pleased to report that we have four new committee members: Nick and Wendy Parker (who were question masters for the Church Quiz); Pam Pritchard (a singer with the Eatonians at last year's Tarporley Festival); and Val Tough (who has helped greatly with recent fundraising events at the hall). They are already generating new ideas to keep what we do at the Jessie up to date. The Executive Officers remain the same: Paul Healey as Chairman, David Bailey stays on as Treasurer, and I am Secretary.

And just to re-assure you of your safety at the Jessie, all of our smoke and heat detectors have now been replaced. The failed light in the ladies loo has been changed and a new LED light fitted in the 'disabled' loo. Next time you're in the hall, notice the difference between the old lights and the new LEDs.

Ron Chisnall (Village Hall Secretary)

Local activities

Eaton Bridge Club



Spring has sprung, summer is pushing at the door and outdoor activities will soon take over much of our spare time. To relax from the above arduous work, the members of the Eaton Bridge Club will enjoy some varied bridge sessions on Thursday evenings. Entertaining conversation, exciting and demanding card play accompanied by some mouth-watering refreshments make for some enjoyable times.

If you feel that you'd like to join such dedicated intellectuals in a thriving bridge club in a modern hall, please contact me or Caroline Evans (01606 883660) or contact Caroline on caromaur33@talktalk.net.

Martin Evans

Ballet



Preparations for our upcoming exam sessions on the 29th and 30th of June are well under way. We have 80 children taking part, from Year One to Year Seven. We are waiting to hear which Royal Academy examiner we have been allocated but they are in for a treat watching our fabulous dancers. The Year Ones will be showing off their version of The Sleeping Beauty.

This summer term is fairly short but some groups will start choreography on their show dances for our Charity Showcase in January 2020. This time, we will be attempting to tell the story of 'The Snow Queen'!

If you're interested in getting your child involved in our friendly dance school, please call me on 07900 303966, email nicolle@pointeworks.co.uk or visit www.pointeworks.co.uk.

Children are very welcome to join in their pre-school year - limited spaces are available in other groups too.

Nicolle Higgins

Yoga



Developing a yoga practice is one of the best things we can do to relieve tension in our bodies, unravelling physical and emotional tension through diaphragmatic breathing, mindful movement, stretching, specific relaxation techniques and increased introspection.

Yoga Classes at The Jessie Hughes:

Mondays (not on Bank holidays)

Gentle Flow: 8pm - 9pm

Tuesdays

Gentle Flow: 11am- 12:30pm

Contact me for more information on 07876497664.

Email: mccooeybrenda@gmail.com

Facebook: [brendayogaclasses](#)

Instagram: [yogabmcc](#)

Brenda McCooley

Up The Garden Path



The January AGM and Cheese and Chutney Evening was a very sociable evening, with members bringing a selection of homemade chutney to try, along with locally made cheeses.

In February, we welcomed back Franck Forrest to give a talk on Propagation. This practical demonstration showed simple ways to propagate by cuttings, layering, scaling and other methods.

Jack Swan joined us in March to give a talk on 'Wildflowers of East Cheshire'. The breadth of wild flowers occurring was surprising and especially the number of orchids that grow in Cheshire. In April, we will welcome Dave Race to give us a talk on 'The Changing Moods and Colour of your Garden'.

We will then begin our summer of garden visits, which will include Bluebell Cottage Nursery, the open weekend at Stretton and Tilson, Woolerton Old Hall and Abbeywood Gardens.

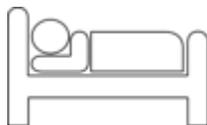
If you have any spare plant pots (2 litres or more), please consider donating them to our gardening group and we will find a good home for them. They can be left tidily at the side of the Jessie Hughes Village Hall or contact me for alternative arrangements.

The gardening group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Jessie Hughes Village Hall. Members now pay £20 for the year to cover all club nights (but not garden visits, which will be paid for separately). The cost for guests is £3 per night.

For full programme details, please contact me on 01829 760653.

Lindsey Worrall

Tarporley War Memorial Hospital



Those of you lucky enough to get tickets for the Rock, Pop and Hot Pot evening in February were treated to a fantastic event. An amazing £1,300 was raised: thank you - and to mis-quote Freddie Mercury, 'You are the Champions!'

There's a terrific amount of work needed from day to day to run the hospital and a significant element of this is done by volunteers, many from our village. I mention this because two major fundraising events are taking place this year:

29 June - Centenary Ball at Cholmondeley Castle Estate

13 November - Anne, Duchess of Westminster's Bangor-on-Dee Race Day (nominated charity: Tarporley Hospital)

The hospital was opened in April 1919 so it's our 100th birthday year and we're going to have a ball (literally). This summer event will be spectacular: a fantastic venue, fabulous food and terrific musical entertainment,. If you want tickets, get them quickly, as they're selling fast! Later in the year, the Race Day is Bangor-on-Dee's biggest meeting of the year - fabulous racing on offer as well as a superb lunch in a beautiful marquee.

All money raised from these events will go towards the Centenary Appeal. There's no surprise that we will need additional volunteer helpers for both events, so could you offer your assistance, please? Supporting the hospital as a volunteer is as valuable as money, so please let me know if you're interested.

For further details, tickets etc., please contact me on 01829 732255 or borisbyrne@btinternet.com.

Brian Byrne

St Thomas' Church



St Thomas' Church thanks all who made the Church Quiz a great success. We're especially grateful to the Jessie Hughes Village Hall Committee for letting St Thomas benefit from the last quiz of the year. We had record numbers attending. Thanks to Nick and Wendy our quiz masters... they really made us think! And thank you to everyone for making the evening successful, both financially and socially.

The St Thomas' choir were in good voice for our Easter Sunday morning service, which was very uplifting. Our usual services are held at 9.00am – please come and join us sometime!

Rosemary Lilley (Warden)

Eaton Reading Group



In February, we met to discuss the fast-moving, swashbuckling and never boring story of 'Kidnapped' by Robert Louis Stevenson. This was thoroughly enjoyed by most members. The book was well written, historically and geographically correct and its story line was built around a true historical event. The story gave rise to wide-ranging discussions, from the clearance of the highlands to royal lineage

Our March read took us all over the continent and as far as South America, with the aptly titled 'Travels with My Aunt' by Grahame Green. With its complex storyline, interesting characters and dense content, it really kept you on your toes. The group enjoyed this book but found it had an unexpected ending....

Our last read for the April meeting which was chosen as it was the latest Booker Prize winner by Anna Burns. 'Milkman', though wildly acclaimed by judges and critics, was not enjoyed by the group who found it confusing and depressing so you can never tell!

If you would like more details of books or meetings, please contact me on 732904.

Tina Peel

Eaton Rambling Club



We have had some super walks to start the season, and in good weather. Mike and Chris took us from Eaton to Bunbury on a 'linear walk' which tested our transport skills but was a great success! Richard and Jane had a huge turnout of 21 for the April walk through Primrose Wood, Kelsall (see the photo of our after-walk refreshments!).



We held our 16th AGM (have we been going that long...?) at the Jessie Hughes in March and filled our walks schedule (well almost), so if you fancy joining us you would be most welcome. I almost forgot - we had a great social night at the Bickerton Poacher in February, trying to play skittles after a huge meal.

2019 Walks Calendar

11 May (Sat) – Sue and Julie

2 June (Sun) – Desmond and Doreen

6 July (Sat) – LEADER REQUIRED, PLEASE

4 Aug (Sun) – Cathy (and bring your own BBQ at JHVH. Non-walkers most welcome!)

7 Sept (Sat) – Linda

6 Oct (Sun) – Frank and Gill

9 Nov (Sat) – LEADER REQUIRED, PLEASE

1 Dec (Sun) – Mike and Mary Wilson, and Christmas lunch

All weekend walks initially meet in the Jessie Hughes car park at 9.45am on Saturdays and at 10.15am on Sundays. Bring a packed lunch: new members always welcome.

Gill Ellison (Secretary) - 01829 782693

Tarporley and District U3A

David Carter



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

It is with great sadness that we have to report that David Carter passed away in March after a short and sudden illness. David has been a regular and faithful contributor to this newsletter, and has consistently crusaded to encourage readers from Eaton to become more involved in the activities of the Tarporley & District U3A. Our condolences go to his family at this very sad time.

Details of U3A events can be seen in the calendar on the final page of this newsletter.

Eaton WI



flamenco.

Eaton WI has had some interesting speakers since my last report. In February, we had a very interesting talk and demonstration by Christine Stockton on 'The story of Flamenco'. Christine has travelled to Spain to research and perfect the art of

In March, Karen Grimwood from Bunbury came and enlightened members as to what is involved with being a puppy walker for the Guide Dogs. She brought along 'Pickles', the guide dog in training who was well-behaved during Karen's talk and then enjoyed lots of attention from our members during refreshments.

This month has been our birthday meeting and members learnt about 'Three Victorian Erdigg ladies' from Jill Burton, followed by refreshments of prosecco and shortbread. In May, our speaker is George Pilkington, Ecologist, talking on 'Birds and Bees'. It's also the time of year when some of the members are getting ready for the Royal Cheshire Show with the entry for our WI.

Eaton WI welcomes visitors to the meetings: we meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. The full programme can be seen on the noticeboard in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall and also on the Village noticeboard. If you require any further information please contact our Secretary, Celia Gregory on 01270 528647 or myself on 01829 733639.

Dianne Ouseley (President)

Eaton Primary School PTA

At PTA HQ, we're gearing up for our big summer event:

Eatonfest - Saturday 6th July, 13:00 – 16:00.

Join us as we create our first 'festival', featuring acts from 'Eaton's Got Talent' and lots of family fun.

- Enjoy the show and be entertained by our fantastic acts.
- Try some food from one of our street vendors.
- Get refreshed at the Gin Bar.
- Take part in fun stalls and activities for the kids.

We'd love to see you there!

This will be a ticketed event, so keep a look out on the Parish Noticeboard for updated information on how to purchase tickets.

If you want to contact me or would like to be on our email distribution list, please let me know: michael.denysenko@sky.com.

Best wishes

Michael Denysenko (Chair)

EATON & RUSHTON DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
Sat 11 May	EATON RAMBLERS	JHVH	09:45am
Tues 14 May	EATON WI	JHVH	7:30pm
Thurs 16 May	TEA'N'CHAT	JHVH	10.30 - noon
Tues 21 May	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING and AGM	JHVH	7:30pm
Tues 28 May	UP THE GARDEN PATH	JHVH	7:30pm
Thurs 30 May	U3A: Joyce Grenfell	TCC*	10:00am
Sun 2 Jun	EATON RAMBLERS	JHVH	10:15am
Tues 11 Jun	EATON WI	JHVH	7.30pm
Tues 18 Jun	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	JHVH	7:30pm
Thurs 20 Jun	TEA'N'CHAT	JHVH	10:30 - noon
Thurs 27 Jun	U3A: AGM and Bookbinding talk	TCC*	10:00am
Tues 25 Jun	UP THE GARDEN PATH	JHVH	7:30pm
Sat 29 Jun	CENTENARY BALL	CCE**	7:30pm
Sat 6 Jul	EATONFEST	School	01:00pm
Sat 6 Jul	EATON RAMBLERS	JHVH	09:45am
Tues 9 Jul	EATON WI	JHVH	7:30pm
Tues 16 Jul	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	JHVH	7:30pm
Thurs 18 Jul	TEA'N'CHAT	JHVH	10.30 - noon
Tues 23 Jul	UP THE GARDEN PATH - Spud in a Bucket competition	JHVH	7:30pm
Thurs 25 Jul	U3A: History of soap making	TCC*	10:00am

**TCC = Tarporley Community Centre*

*** Cholmondeley Castle Estate*

Deadline for contributing to the next newsletter: Mon 27th May

